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NOTIFICATION

In exercise of the power conferred by clause (c) of sub-section (1) of section 33 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015 read with clause (c) of sub-regulation (1) of regulation 33 and Memorandum No. CARA/IND/POLICY/2017/3 dated 18.7.2017, the State Government is hereby pleased to constitute the State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) in the State of Sikkim consisting of the following members as the Governing Body of State Adoption Resource Agency, namely:-

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| (1) Principal Secretary, Social Justice, Empowerment & Welfare Department | : Chairperson |
| (2) Special Secretary, State Legal Services Authority | : Member |
| (2) Representative from Health Department, | : Member |
| (3) Chairperson, Child Welfare Committee | : Member |
| (4) One Member from Specialized Adoption Agencies (SAA) | : Member |
| (5) One Member from Civil Society | : Member |
| (6) Director, Integrated Child Protection Scheme | : Member Secretary |

1. Terms of Reference:

- (1) The Governing body shall :-
 - (a) review the progress of adoption work atleast once in every quarter and address the operational as well as logistic issues and bottlenecks in the adoption process or system in the State;
 - (b) conduct meetings of Specialized Adoption Agencies (SAAs) on quarterly basis for addressing issues related to adoption;
 - (c) inspect and monitor adoption programme and activities of all Specialized Adoption Agencies within its jurisdiction quarterly;
 - (d) hold meeting every quarterly in which the Birth Certificate issuing Authority, Passport Authority and any relevant Authorities/Departmental Authorities shall be invited as Special Invitees. A copy of the Minutes of such meetings shall be sent to Central Adoption Resource Authority (CARA) every quarter.

2. The role and functions of the State Adoption Resource Agency (SARA) shall be as specified under sub-regulation(2) of regulation 33 of the Adoption Regulations, 2017 and sub-section(2) of section 62 and sub-section (2) of section 65 of the Juvenile Justice (Care and Protection of Children) Act, 2015.

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